CAPTAIN KRAKOA: UNMASKED!

UNCANNY AVENGERS

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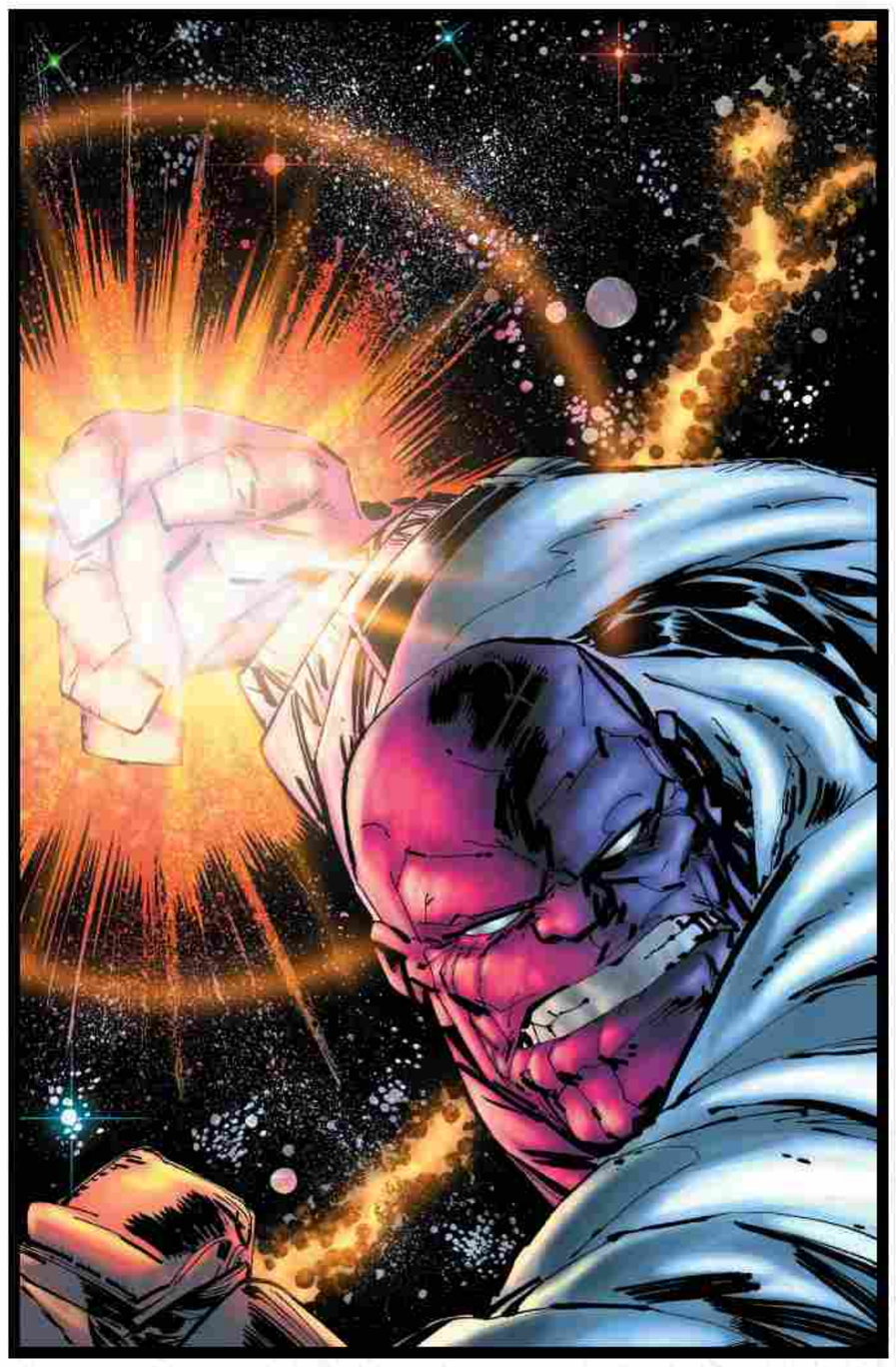

Marvel Comics pays tribute to writer and artist Keith Giffen. The co-creator of Rocket Raccoon, Giffen wrote the *Annihilation* event series and a sequel spin-off *Annihilation: Conquest – Star-Lord*, which would pave the way for a Guardians of the Galaxy revival. His first published artwork appeared in "The Sword in the Star" featured in *Marvel Preview*, which included Rocket's first appearance. He moved into more mainstream titles with *Defenders*, penciling the infamous non-team during some of its most nontraditional storylines. Giffen had a strong body of work at DC Comics, with *Legion of Super-Heroes*, *Justice League* and his irreverent creations Ambush Bug and Lobo. Our thoughts are with his fans, family, friends and loved ones.

X weeks ago.

So, Steve--

Call me Grant Rogers. The *other* guy has tainted our first name.

Very well, Grant. While you've been gone, it's essentially been "Mutie Gras"--a nonstop party on Earth. And if humans don't put their foot down--

Stop talking, Doctor Stasis.

I'm in. But I'll do it my way...

...and I'll do it in *their* uniform!

FALL OF X

To foster unity between humanity and the mutant nation of Krakoa, Earth's mightiest heroes, the Avengers, and the mutant X-Men formed a single team to help defend the Earth. Together, they are the…

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05

"UNMASKED!"

To combat prejudice toward the mutant population, **Captain America** reformed the **Avengers Unity Squad,** recruiting former members of both the **X-Men** who remained on Earth and the **Avengers.** The mysterious **Captain Krakoa** also formed a new iteration of the terrorist **Mutant Liberation Front.** Captain America has since been working with reporter **Ben Urich** to uncover Captain Krakoa's identity.

The MLF managed to steal a nuclear weapon and secrete it on the Empire State University campus. The Unity Squad confronted the MLF, minus Captain Krakoa, at their base, learning of the nuke but unable to disarm it without Captain Krakoa's I.D. The team then tracked Captain Krakoa to the *Daily Bugle* building, where Krakoa planned to kill Ben Urich. In the ensuing battle, Captain Krakoa's identity was finally revealed as...the alternate Steve Rogers who once led the terrorist group Hydra!

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Steven Grant Rogers, the dark reflection of Captain America created by the Red Skull and resurrected by Selene at the instruction of Dr. Stasis, stands triumphant on the roof of the *Daily Bugle*.

He'd successfully assassinated the character of Captain Krakoa and was about to murder Captain America and Ben Urich.

You're a weak old man, Steve. This world won't miss you.

CHOMP

BLAMM

Aaah!

You were a good soldier, Wade Wilson. A shame I have to do this.

Avengers, Stevil will be impossible to defeat in Forge's battle suit-- it has to go!

You ladies wait your turn.

WHUDD

Aah!

Widow and I are out.

You're up, Monet!

Oof!

SKRIP

On it!

CHAK

Ughn!

Aaagh!

You mutants have all this power--

--and not an *ounce* of *self-control!*

You *deserve* to *die out!*

I've got you, Deadpool!

Aaargh!

Cap--throw me like one of your vibranium girls.

I'll be right behind you!

When Captain America throws his bitey shield--

...all those who chose to oppose his shield must yield!

Grrrrr!

Aargh!

I believe you have something that belongs to me.

KRAK!

Aaaah!

Hey, y'all.

Sorry to interrupt all the fun Ah'm hearing.

The nuke Stevil planted at Empire State University is going to blow in less than a minute, and it's booby-trapped.

It seems like it's only got one off button--attached to a retinal scanner.

I can stop it.

Then so can *I*. Rogue, I'm inbound--

No! It's a *trap.*

Nngh...

Damn telepaths.

The retinal scanner is another trigger.

Designed to atomize Captain America.

Shush.

Rogue...that bomb *can't* detonate here. I'm sorry, I wish there were another way, but you have to move it out of New York--maybe up into space?

Can't. The I.S.S. is heading our way.

Ah'm already outbound.

I'm looking west. Ah know where *Area 51* is if ah *bzzztztzt z*Tell Remy*vbszzstt*--

Yours is not the hand I wanted to hold as I died, Mr. Fisk.

Somebody do something!

Maybe she'll survive--

Fat chance she'll survive.

Poor Wade. That's *twice* you lost everything by betting on "Good Old Steve."

Did you ever tell Rogue how you felt, you coward?

Sleep, pig.

KRAK

This is Steve Rogers. I have an Avenger down and need help at Area 51. There's going to be a nuclear detonation. And--

--and...

SWOOSH

...good luck.

Listen well, Deadpool.

We'll have a fraction of a second to save Rogue's life by sharing your healing factor with her.

I can't outrun the bomb after it detonates, so I'm going to get you close and pin you down, but it will be up to you to hold on.

Aaah!

BOOM

Been meaning to ask...what do you see in Gambit, anyway?

Thank you, Wade.

You never have to thank me. ...

... Does Gambit make you thank him?

Today, a stolen nuclear bomb went off in America and somehow nobody was killed... thanks to a team of Avengers and X-Men.

The murderous impostor who posed as *Captain Krakoa* was unmasked as he tried to kill this story--and this reporter.

Orchis seems to have their own resurrection protocols, like the mutants, and they chose to bring back this dark reflection of *Captain America*.

His court docket will refer to him by his middle name, "Grant," and you can follow his trial in these pages.

The next few weeks will go poorly for Orchis. People are questioning just who this organization is and what they stand for.

The unfortunate human witness who corroborated many of the X-Men and Avengers' stories was none other than the Kingpin of crime, *Wilson Fisk*.

DAILY BUGLE

His wife, the mutant *Typhoid Mary*, is still missing and presumed dead. He's not been trustworthy in his career, but he's not lying about this.

One of the worst men I know can still tell the truth.

The *X-Men* were framed. There will be trials, including one for the X-Men's leader *Cyclops*. The wheels of justice turn slowly, but they're in motion now.

TO ALL POINTS:

Good news, everyone. The trial of Cyclops and, by extension, all of Krakoa is scheduled to commence in Paris, France. I asked about Paris, Texas, because they have the death penalty, but we have some sway with the judiciary, and I think we'll be able to sort everything we need, including a body.

It's highly likely the remaining mutant resistance will be unable to resist the urge of attacking the court and freeing Cyclops -- but we'll be ready. It will only bolster our case for many of the hard days to come. Liquidating the mutants will trigger the next phase of our operation to bring order to our planet. We need the headlines from the trial to make sure the horrors of mutant tyranny are playing on every screen around the world before we engage the mutates that we know we must (i.e. the Avengers, Fantastic Four, etc.).

We've been working very hard at this campaign for a long time. Those of you who were involved in planning the protocols that predate Krakoa have been laboring for humanity for years.

Soon, the hard parts will all be over, and we can set about reordering the world. Until then, keep your eyes on the prize. Our species is counting on us. We have regained dominance over Earth, and now we will ensure that our domain will not be threatened from within again.

Regards,

Dr. Stasis

Dr. Stasis
Director, Human/Resources

P.S. Speak to your department head if you wish to be considered for retention after our victory. There will be some work to do "cleaning up" and making sure that human carriers of the X-Gene comply with the reproductive laws that will be implemented in the next few months.

Weeks after the capture of Grant Rogers, A.K.A. "Captain Krakoa," we hoped justice would be done. On the day the trial ended, we were reminded how justice could be ***perverted.***

Ah can't believe this.

Some folks gathered to celebrate... others to commiserate.

It was another ugly scene in America, a country that's getting used to ugly scenes.

Stop! There's been enough violence.

As for me, I'll do what I always do. Write the story and let the history books do the rest.

My name is Ben Urich, and I'll be writing the truth of it all in the pages of the *Bugle*.

COURTHOUSE

SMITH

Your secret empire perseveres, sir.

Good man.

CAP EVIL

NOT MY CAPTAIN

STEVE GONE WRONG

TRUST GRANT

GRANT IS RIGHT

WE SUPPOR GRAN

Ah wanna fly down there and--

Let's hear Stevil out first.

UNITED STA COURT HO

I believe...that every human being will stand shoulder to shoulder.

That we can finally emerge from the shadow of fear cast over us by the mutants and their ilk.

I'm not a cruel man. In my dream...

...the mutants are also side by side with their own kind and they are at *peace* too.

When someone tells you who they are, *believe them.*

The mutants told us their truth: They are *different.* They have their own laws...

K. PRYDE

STORM

FORGE

COLOSSUS

DOMINO

ANGEL

EMMA FROST

POLARIS

ROGUE

SYNCH

ASYLOCKE

PENANCE

They have an *entire planet* to themselves in Arakko.

GRANT IS OUR ONLY HOPE

WE SUPPORT GRANT

Man loves. Mutant kills.

And what fear do the mutants have of death? It's a revolving door for them. We should not have to ask, so I'll only ask once: Leave man in peace.

And when the mutants ascended and threatened our world, poisoning our medicine--did this flag protect you?

Unfortunately, no.

I fought for this flag. Hell, I *died* for this flag. But like my misguided counterpart--I've returned and I'm changed. I know it's not this flag's fault. We let the Stars and Stripes down...

This flag was once the symbol of a nation of men, and it is the government that let down mankind. So from now on--

USE

UNITED COURT

--I SHALL BE A FLAG-SMASHER!

From now on, I won't let any flag separate me from my fellow humans.

Together, we stand united. It's not the color of our flags, it's the merit of our genes that makes us brothers and sisters.

TRUE CAR

GET THEM GRANT

STOP GRANT

PEACE NOT WAR

NOT MY

SPLORP

Whoopsie daisy!

Ah reckoned you'd be angrier, Cap.

Oh, I am. But...

...when you get to be my age-- you learn to keep your powder dry. America is the best but most frustrating country in the world. Worth fighting for. Worth dying for...

...but I'll bet on me and my friends over them any day.

And I haven't lost yet.

NEVER THE END!

KRAKOA is for all MUTANTS

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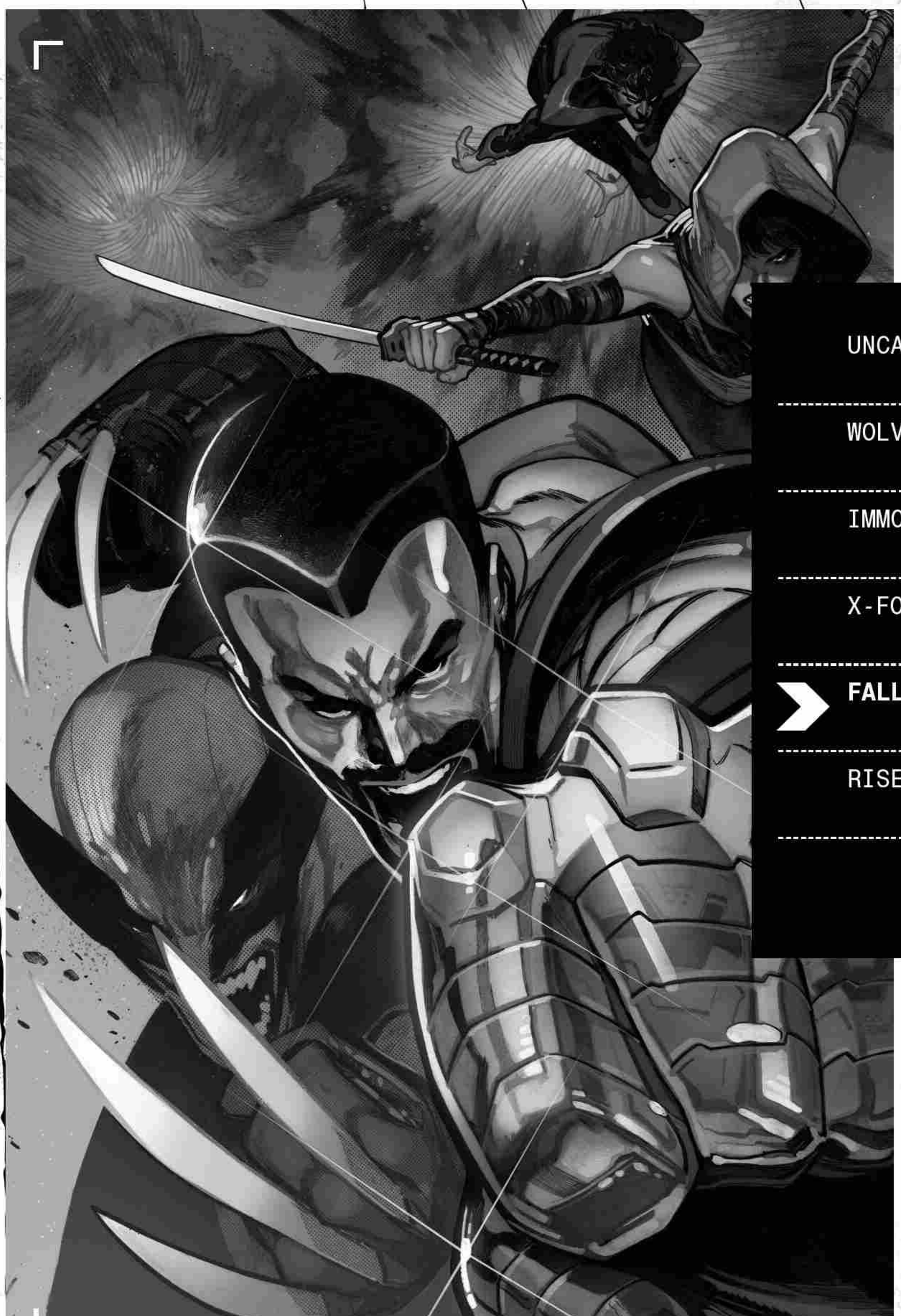

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